



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: AN OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH A CENTRAL REINFORCING ELEMENT  
MECHANICALLY COUPLED DIRECTLY TO THE OPTICAL FIBERS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 16 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Quinn et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,463,199, hereinafter "Quinn"). For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses.